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Snow Trains Bring Huge Crowds

3-Day Carnival To Start Friday

CARNIVAL PLANS SET FOR FEBRUARY 10, 11 AND 12

Probably what was the most colorful and jolly crowd ever to come to Grayling for winter sports was that of last Sunday. The noon train bore in 596 paid passengers from Flint, which was followed an hour later by the Detroit train with 725 passengers. And throughout the day autos were arriving in great numbers.

The day was perfect for winter sports and a large crowd of Graylingites with Queen Frances and her court were on hand to greet the visitors. And Grayling's school band set the crowd stepping as they alighted from the trains. These youngsters, under direction of Herbert Rowland, amazed everyone when it was learned that they had only been organized since October. It is a fine musical organization of which the people of Grayling, besides the schools, have much pride.

Big buses and trucks soon whisked the crowds to the winter park and skates, skis and toboggans were soon in full activity.

The Flint train was sponsored by the Flint Chamber of Commerce and carried officials of that organization including the secretary, Norman Hill, former secretary to ex-Governor Frank Murphy. Railroad officials stated a great number of fans were turned away at the station in Flint due to lack of space on the 13-car train carrying nearly 600 people.

The Detroit train was also 13 cars long and contained approximately 700 enthusiasts. Weather conditions were ideal, and the Winter Sports park contained a crowd estimated at more than 3,000, that took advantage of the glassy-smooth skating rink and the fast, breath-taking toboggan slides.

Hikers On Train

Temperatures hovered a little below freezing, and a slight wind brought color to thousands of cheeks that already were flushed with the thrill of speeding down 2,000 feet of toboggan chutes all afternoon.

The Detroit train carried one car filled with Detroit News hikers, members of Unit Six. The Hike Club of Flint also had a group on their train.

Winter Sports Queen Frances Entsminger and her court greeted train arrivals, and the Grayling school band again made the frost-laden air ring with stirring music. Officials of Grayling Winter Sports, Inc., anticipated a record-breaking crowd for the annual Snow Carnival next Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 10th, 11th and 12th. Workmen are busy preparing additional toboggan troughs to accommodate the huge throngs who have so far taxed the capacity of the chutes now in operation.

3 Snow Trains Scheduled

Three snow trains are expected next Sunday, two from Detroit and one from Bay City and Saginaw, sponsored by the Kirby Travel Bureau and Jack Davis, of Bay City, respectively.

SATURDAY IS LAST DAY TO REGISTER

If you are a registered voter in the City of Grayling it is NOT necessary that you register again in order to vote at the special election to be held here February 20th on the question of the city establishing a municipal electric light and power plant.

However if you did not register last fall for the primary or regular election, when there was a general re-registration, and have not done so since that time, you MUST register on or before next Saturday in order to vote at the special election.

Don't lose your vote by not being registered.

Rooms Wanted

Anyone having rooms for rent during this week end, please notify Shoppenagons Inn.

Phone 55

H. S. Basketball
Feb. 10—Charlevoix
Feb. 17—Kalkaska
Feb. 24—Roscommon
• Games at Home

GRAYLING WINTER QUEEN AND HER COURT



Left to right, front row:—Norberta Weiss, Pauline Merrill, Hazel Wilkins. Top row:—Gloria Ann LaMotte, Queen Frances Entsminger, Roberta Austin

Big Crowd At Mass Meeting Tues.

ZEELAND MEN TELL OF THEIR EXPERIENCES

Grayling Chamber of Commerce held a mass meeting Tuesday evening at Temple theatre for the purpose of enabling the public to hear talks on the proposed municipal electric plant.

Garret P. Rooks, city superintendent of Zeeland, gave a resume of the operations of their municipal plant, and answered many questions.

President Harley Russell was in charge of the meeting and introduced the speakers. The first speaker was Garrett N. Clark, city attorney of Zeeland, city of about 2,500. Mr. Clark told of some of the things Zeeland was proud of, one of which was their municipal electric plant. He explained that the city officials and the general public was in no way dissatisfied with the service the Consumers Power Co. was providing them, except there was a complaint about the rates charged.

A special election was held and carried and now the people of Zeeland are enjoying the best of electric service with no interruptions, and with steady, continuous electricity, at a great saving in cost. Their rates start with 4c for the first 50 kwh and drops to 2 1/2c and 1 1/2c. They have operated their plant since October, 1937. In competition with the Consumers Co., they get more than 80% of the electric business in Zeeland. In fact they started out with one Diesel engine and generator and have had to increase this unit to three engines and generators.

A VanKoevering, publisher of the Zeeland Record, told of how he at first was skeptical over the proposal to construct the municipal electric plant and, before he endorsed it, made a trip to Lansing in order to inspect the records in the offices of the Public Utilities Commission and found that his people had been paying far too much for their electric service. Three large

electric public utility companies operate in or near Zeeland and their effort to purchase electricity from them at wholesale failed. Then he said he was convinced that a municipal plant was justified. The success of the plant has exceeded his expectations. Even the first year and in spite of buying their plant piecemeal, it has given them brilliant street lights, excellent power and first class service and besides they made a handsome profit.

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All these talks were just plain discussions of the question that is soon to be voted on by the people. No attempt was made at high powered salesmanship.

Knowing Mr. VanKoevering of Zeeland as we do, his words alone would convince us that the election should carry in favor of municipal ownership. We know positively that he wouldn't make a statement that would be questioned by anyone who knows him, and especially the people of Zeeland who know him so well.

City Attorney Charles E. Moore also gave assurances that the city council were fully justified in their action. He called attention of the municipal plant in Petoskey that had been a big money-making investment, that that city had not only paid off a huge city indebtedness but had money in reserve and were able to pay cash for any improvements that city made.

GRAYLING LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, Feb. 12, 1939

Danish service: 11 a. m.

Confirmation class meets Saturday, 9:00 a. m. at the parsonage.

Rev. C. Stockholm, Pastor.

Queen's Ball, School Gym Next Sat. Night

The annual Queen's Ball will be held Saturday evening at the high school gymnasium, with music furnished by the Melody Makers of Lake City. At ten o'clock the coronation ceremony will take place and promises to be one of the highlights of Grayling's annual Winter Sports Carnival.

Grayling's lovely Snow Queen Frances Entsminger, gowned in white net and taffeta, will be followed to the throne by the court pages, who will be little Normal Lee Crawford and Betty Jean Mathewson. The queen's court Pauline Merrill, maid-of-honor, Roberta Austin, Goria Ladd and Norberta Weiss.

Throughout the banquet, song leader Dr. C. G. Clement, kept the crowd in a cheerful mood singing while Miss Ch. C. accompanied on the piano.

At the coronation, the different members for their fine cooperation in helping to make the banquet such a lovely affair.

The Queen, who very graciously cut the first place and placed it on the plate of Mr. Chas. Moore.

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Mr. C. G. Clement, marked the difference in the service they deserved if they wouldn't be facing this special election at this time. The Company paid little or no attention to local complaints except to make promises that were not fulfilled. Now they are promising again to put their lines in order. Just another promise, no doubt.

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Kiwanis Honors Queen With Dinner Dance

The queen and her court were guests of honor at a fine banquet and dancing party given by the Kiwanis Club at Shoppenagons Inn Wednesday night.

The tables were arranged in an "U" shape with the end tables reserved for the queen, her court and their escorts. The tables had been very cleverly decorated for the occasion. In the center of the honor guests' table was a miniature ice rink with a large speed gal in skating costume in an action pose. The long tables had alternating ice rinks and snowbanks with penguins skating or carrying skates, their red caps flying in the breeze; small frost covered pine trees also added to the attractive decorations.

Mr. Charles Moore, president of the Kiwanis Club, presided welcoming the guests and introducing the president of Winter Sports, Inc., Mr. Emil Giebling, who in turn presented the queen Miss Frances Entsminger. Miss Entsminger then introduced her court. The young ladies were presented with compacts by Mr. Giebling in appreciation of their efforts in helping to make 1939 Winter Sports a success.

Two violin solos were played by Miss Betty Parsons, who were well received. Mrs. Roy Milnes and Mr. Harold Jarmen rendered two vocal selections that brought rounds of applause.

All the numbers were accompanied on the piano by Mrs. C. G. Clement.

A beautiful cake donated by Mr. Charles McElroy of the Grayling Bakery was brought in by the waiters and presented to the queen, who very graciously cut the first place and placed it on the plate of Mr. Chas. Moore.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1939

THE REPORT IS CORRECT

If the revenue from the local electric light plant is \$36,000, according to the records in the office of the Michigan Public Utilities Commission, and the new Grayling plant is to secure 80% of the business, some are wondering how the circular published last week could claim \$35,000 in receipts.

80% of \$36,000 would be \$28,800, but it is a foregone conclusion that the new plant would secure practically 100% of the commercial accounts which account would run far in excess of an equal number of residential rentals. In fact 20% of the patrons according to City Manager George Granger, pay more than 50% of the local plant's income. A commercial electricity user paying \$25.00 monthly would equal that of five residential users at \$5.00 per month. Thus it is plain to be seen that Mr. Granger's estimate that 80% of the electrical business should bring in revenue amounting to about \$35,000 or more is correct.

Any one wishing to hand in an article for or against the proposed light and power plant are welcome to do so. Please have your copy in early. All letters must be signed but your name will not appear if you request it.

**C. of C. Complimenting
"Birdie" Tebbetts**

A testimonial banquet has been announced by the Grayling Chamber of Commerce to compliment George "Birdie" Tebbetts, catcher of the Detroit Tigers-Ball Club. Through the efforts of "Spike" McNeven, "Birdie" has spent the winter in the community and participated in numerous civic activities and outside interests which has provided Grayling with good publicity. Besides his work with the local Boy Scout troop, he has aided the winter sports program, and refereed high school and independent basketball games throughout northern Michigan.

The banquet will be held at the Shoppenagans Inn on Thursday, February 16th and limited to the capacity of the hotel to 50 couples. Few reservations remain, and the affair is restricted to Chamber of Commerce members and friends of "Birdie." A good program is assured to attract unusual interest and following the banquet dancing will be the order for the rest of the evening. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Three Deuces.

Through the courtesy of the Rialto Theatre a special showing of the popular four-reel baseball film "First Century of Baseball" will be presented at the Rialto Theatre prior to the banquet on February 16th, at 5:00 p. m. The film was secured by special arrangement with the American League of Professional Baseball Clubs, and the Chamber of Commerce feels fortunate in securing this picture because of the big demands by the many city organizations for the film. This is the first time any such baseball film of the American League has been shown in northern Michigan.

Admittance is open to all Chamber of Commerce members holding banquet tickets, and any baseball minded citizen of Grayling who desires to see the film. High school students wishing to see the show should contact Coach Willard Cornell for admission.

Written and supervised by Lew Fonseca, director of promotion for the American League, "First Century of Baseball", the fifth of a series produced and distributed in as many years, is an entirely new production. To obtain the highest professional standards in the matter of photography, make-up and costuming, the historical portions were filmed in Hollywood. Narration, save where the voices of characters appearing on the screen have been recorded, is by Ted Husing.

NEWS BRIEFS

Women's Artics as low as 80c.

at Olson's Shoe Sale.
Mrs. Howard Smith submitted
an appendectomy at Mercy
Hospital, Wednesday morning.
Roscommon in Ramblers carried
the trophy in the Houghton
Lake tournament last week by a
win over the Grayling All Stars.
In turn the Stars had defeated the
Grayling B-ers. The Roscommon
tournament is now in full
swing.

Haley's seen the pretty ac-
cordion girl at the Johnson
Furniture Co. has the one of the
new winter sports windows as
yet. It's right up to the minute
with snowman, ice fish, slides
and even an arbor to take up
passing.

At a meeting of the County
delegates to the Democratic party
held at the Hotel Bay Saturday
afternoon Mr. and James
Patterson were elected delegates to
attend the State convention. The
convention will be held in Flint
February 17-18.

At a meeting of the Grayling Fair
Committee yesterday the registration
dropped considerably. The last
two days about 1,000 visitors
had come to the fair. The first of the week
had been the heaviest day but
had not been the snow
drifts off the highway and
uphill drives.

The agents of the Michigan
State Fire and Power Bureau Insur-
ance Department are meeting
this afternoon at the Courthouse.
Mrs. Dan Babbitt and son
Howard are spending several
weeks in Petoskey where Master
Howard is under the care of Dr.
G. E. Brown, being treated for a
severe ailment resulting from a
severe case of scarlet fever.

Mr. John Brown left Sunday
night for New York, from where
he will return February 9th for
Comptroller, Denmark. Mr.
Brown's mother is in poor health
and he is making the trip to visit
her. It is hoped he may find her
much improved.

There will be a card party
given by the Eastern Stars at
the Masonic Temple Tuesday
night to celebrate Valentine's
day. Everyone is cordially invited
and you may play the game
of your choice. Lunch will be
served. Price for evening 25c.

Grayling friends of Mr. and
Mrs. Herbert Wolff are sorry to
learn of the death of Mr. Wolff's
mother, Mrs. Julia Wolff, of Detroit.
Mr. Wolff was born in the
Guernsey Channel Island, England,
and had lived in Detroit for
65 years. Funeral services were
held in that city at 2 p. m. Monday.
She is survived by three
sons, Fred G., Herbert W., and
G. Edward Wolff. Also a son,
Mrs. Alice Footlandu.

DAWSON'S

Special

Friday and Saturday

DRENE SHAMPOO AND POND'S CREAM LOTION (25c Value) Both	53c
ASPIRIN TABLETS Bottle of 100's	39c
MILK OF MAGNESIA 16 oz.	39c
MINERAL OIL 32 oz.	79c
MINERAL OIL 16 oz.	39c
RUBBING ALCOHOL Large size	29c
BAY RUM Large size	39c
CHOCOLAX Tin of 24's	19c
CHOCOLAX Tin of 6's	9c
PINE-TAR AND HONEY COUGH SYRUP	39c
MILK OF MAGNESIA TOOTHPASTE Large size	39c
MILK OF MAGNESIA TOOTHPASTE Small size	19c
COD LIVER OIL TABLETS Bottle of 85's	79c
IRON AND YEAST TABLETS Bottle of 100's	59c
PEPSODENT ANTISEPTIC 50c size. Two for	51c

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bers.

Mrs. Wolff had visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wolff at Lake Margrethe and many Grayling people had met her. At the Wednesday Contract Bridge club at the home of Mrs. A. J. Joseph this week, a bouquet of spring flowers centered the table at which a lovely luncheon was served. For contract Mrs. O. P. Schumann and Mrs. H. A. Baumann held high and low score. Mrs. George Olson, who was a guest of the club received the gift.

Mr. and Mrs. George Granger and Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Burchers were hosts to some fourteen of their friends Saturday evening at the former's home. The evening was spent in a tournament of Chinese Checkers, with Eugene Papendick winning for the gentlemen and Mrs. Harry Souders for the ladies. A Dutch lunch was served after the tournament.

Mr. and Mrs. Aleck Atkinson and son Richard drove to Bay City today to accompany some of the former's mother Mrs. Lotta Tattro, who has been spending a few days there. Mrs. Tattro visited her mother Mrs. McDonald at Kawkawlin, the latter who is 92 years old.

Opening Grayling's Winter Sports Carnival, the Grayling American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps are sponsoring a spectacular basketball game Friday evening February 10 at the High school gymnasium. The game will be between "The Briggs" girls basketball team and "Birdie" Tebbetts "All Stars." "The Briggs" are Detroit City champion girls team and one of the best of their kind in America and runners-up for National Championship. "Birdie" Tebbetts will referee the game which will be played boys rules. This promises to be a good game with plenty of excitement.

Queen Frances Entsminger was

guest of honor at a delightful

party Saturday night in which

members of her court were in-

cluded together with several

friends, numbering about 20 in

all. Assembling at the Queen's

home at 8:00 the crowd went to

the Winter Sports park for a

couple of hours of skating and

tobogganing. Returning later in

the evening games were enjoyed

with Earl Gierke of Saginaw and Benedict Morris carrying off the honors. Then the party went

Hollywood, where each one re-

ceived a banner bearing the name

of a famous movie star or radio

star or what have you. These

were pinned on their backs and

were worn all evening and each

one had to act like the person

after whom they were named.

After coming from the park

appetites were sharpened and so

a delicious buffet lunch was

much enjoyed, the boys finding

their partners by way of num-

bers.

Miss Jane Moore of Traverse

City is a guest of Mrs. Myrt

Unger.

M. T. Younken of Detroit was

in Grayling on business the first

of the week.

Rev. Broe of Manistee spent

Monday and Tuesday visiting at

the Danish parsonage.

Mrs. W. H. LeVall of Detroit

is spending a few days visiting

her sister Mrs. Joe Kernosky and

family.

Mrs. Carl Peterson returned to

Friday from Petoskey where she

had spent the week visiting

friends.

Mrs. Chester Lozon and child-

er of Maple Forest are spending

this week visiting her sister, Miss

Lillian Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moore returned

home Friday from Alma where

they have been visiting for the

past three weeks.

Mrs. Don Sweeney and daughter

Sandra Sue, spent Thursday

and Friday of last week visiting

in Traverse City.

Lloyd Perry returned from Det-

roit on the Snow Train Sunday

where he has been for the past

week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Webb of

Mt. Pleasant are visiting their

daughter and family, Dr. and

Mrs. C. G. Clippert.

Mrs. Hansine Hanson left Mon-

day for Lansing where she is

spending a few days visiting her

sister, Mrs. John Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur May en-

joyed the latter's mother Mrs.

E. J. Shirtum and sister Miss

Ruth of Rogers City over the

week end.

Max Ferguson, who is attending

the Bay City Business Col-

lege, spent the week end visiting

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm.

Ferguson.

Mrs. Charles Hill of Ypsilanti

came via the snow train Sunday

and is spending the week the

guest of Miss Eva Dorr at the

Jarmain home.

Morris and Byron Gardner,

Danny Perry, and Robert Sly,

of Detroit came on the Snow Train

Sunday and visited at the home

of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Perry.

One of the familiar faces to

NOTICE SPECIAL ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Grayling:

By order of the City Council in resolution adopted January 17, 1939 and pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, a special election will be held in the City of Grayling, Michigan, on February 20th, 1939, from 7 o'clock in the forenoon, until 6 o'clock in the afternoon, Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the City the following propositions:

PROPOSITION ONE—

Proposal To Acquire A Diesel Electric Generating Plant And A Distribution System To Supply Electric Light And Power To The City of Grayling And To Its Inhabitants, And To Issue General Obligation Bonds In Part Payment Therefor.

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Yes

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Proposal To Grant A Franchise To Be Included In The Mortgage Given As Security For Revenue Mortgage Bonds.

Shall there be included in the mortgage to be given as security for Revenue Mortgage Bonds to be issued as part payment of the cost of acquiring a Diesel Electric Generating Plant and a distribution system for supplying the City of Grayling and its inhabitants with electric light and power, a franchise to be granted by the City of Grayling to the purchaser on foreclosure of said mortgage to operate said Electric Generating Plant and Distribution System for a period of Twenty (20) years from the date of such foreclosure, said franchise to be as follows:

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ARTICLE 2.

Permission is hereby given to said purchaser (if any purchaser there ever be) or to its successors and assigns, to sell, furnish and supply electric current to any citizen, inhabitant, person, partnership, association or corporation within the City of Grayling.

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This franchise shall apply to all property rights and interests of the City of Grayling in its works for supplying electric light and power to the City and its inhabitants and all extensions, betterments and new equipment which have been made or added thereto by said City prior to the taking effect of this franchise, together with the extensions and betterments

which may thereafter be made from time to time by the grantee during the life of this franchise.

ARTICLE 4.

The rates, tariffs and charges which the said purchaser or its successors or assigns shall be permitted to charge for electrical current with the City of Grayling shall be such rates, tariffs and charges as may be agreed upon by and between the purchaser and the said City of Grayling and in case such rates, tariffs and charges cannot be agreed upon by said purchaser and said City of Grayling, then the rates and charges may be fixed by the Michigan Public Utilities Commission, or its successors, from time to time, upon the application of either party and due hearing thereon.

ARTICLE 5.

In consideration of the foregoing permission the purchaser (if there ever should be such) and its successors or assigns, agree that he or it will furnish all necessary required electrical current at the rates above specified.

ARTICLE 6.

It is agreed between the parties hereto that all questions of service shall be referred to the Michigan Public Utilities Commission or its successors and its decision shall be binding upon the parties.

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The privilege and authority granted hereby to the purchaser of said property (if ever there should be such) carry with them the condition that said purchaser agrees that at all times during the life of this agreement and for the purpose solely of the City he or it will furnish to the City or its duly authorized agents, such information regarding the income, expense, physical value and other items as the City may desire as recorded on the books of such person or company or its assigns.

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The grantee in the construction, maintenance, extension and repair of said public utility shall not unnecessarily interrupt or obstruct the use of any street, lane, alley or other public thoroughfare and in crossing the same with wires shall erect such wires at such reasonable altitude as the Council may prescribe and when it shall in any way open any of the thoroughfares for the construction or maintenance of any underground construction it shall replace such thoroughfare in as good condition as before said opening and said grantee shall hold the City harmless from any liability, costs, damages or expense which shall arise or be caused by the occupancy or the use of the streets, lanes, alleys, avenues or other public thoroughfares by said grantee.

ARTICLE 9.

If said grantee shall for any reason whatsoever, refuse, neglect and fail to furnish to the City or its inhabitants the product or service designed to be furnished by said plant, or fail or refuse to comply with any of the terms of this franchise, unavoidable accidents, strikes and the acts of God excepted, for a period of Thirty (30) days unless the Council of the City of Grayling shall extend said period of time, then said grantee shall forfeit all right to operate said plant in and under this franchise and this franchise shall immediately terminate and become void.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals this day of A. D. 1939.

By Mayor

By Clerk

For the purchasers under said Mortgage.

Yes

No

Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, February 10, 1916

Leonard Burritt of Cadillac, were her guests.

Roy Amidon, during his vacation here is assisting in the Hathaway jewelry store, during the absence of Carlton Melstrup, who is confined to his home with an injury of the foot.

Miss Gertrude Polcy of Lutzerville has entered the eighth grade and is making her home with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. O. Palmer.

Misses Doris and Carrie LaGraw and Nellie Charlefour were hostesses to the Queen's Social Club last evening at the Tetu command, the Company put on an exhibition drill that was loudly applauded by the spectators. The orchestra under the direction of Dan Russo opened the dancing with a two-step.

Thursday evening Miss Anna Fischer and Irving Hodge of Atlanta, two of Grayling's most popular young people, stole a march on their friends and went to the M. E. parsonage, where they were united in marriage by the Rev. Aaron Mitchell. The young couple left on the early morning train for the home of the groom's parents, where they will make their home for the present.

Guy Peterson has resigned his position at the Sorenson Barber Shop and is now working on the F. H. Mills delivery wagon.

Clarence Johnson returned to his duties at the DuPont Company in Bay City after spending several days visiting at his home here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson of Johannesburg, a fine son, on January 31.

Miss Medea Sorenson left Saturday for Detroit, after a week's visit with friends here.

A fine daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McPeak Thursday, February 3.

Miss Nellie Loss, assistant principal of the High school, was called to her home in Vassar Monday, and Mrs. T. P. Peterson is taking her place during her absence.

Carl Sorenson has sold his barber shop in the Burton Hotel building to Sam Kastenholz, and the latter will take possession Monday. At one time these gentlemen were associated in business in this shop, Mr. Kastenholz selling out to the former nearly a year ago. Mr. Sorenson will move to Detroit soon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bates entertained a number of guests Thursday and Friday who were in attendance at the K. of P. ball. Miss Lillian Bates was home from Vanderbilt. Miss Naomi Chapman of Saginaw, Miss Lois Simms of Bay City and Mr.

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THE REPORT IS CORRECT

If the revenue from the local electric light plant is \$38,000, according to the records in the office of the Michigan Public Utilities Commission, and the new Grayling plant should secure \$80 of the business, some are wondering how the circular published last week could claim \$35,000 in receipts.

\$80 of \$38,000 would be 30.40%, but it is a foregone conclusion that the local plant would secure practically 100% of the commercial accounts which accounts would run far in excess of an equal number of residential rentals. In fact 29% of the patrons, according to City Manager George Granger, pay more than 50% of the local plant's income. A commercial electricity user paying \$25.00 monthly would equal that of five residential users at \$5.00 per month. Thus it is plain to be seen that Mr. Granger's estimate that 80% of the electrical business should bring in revenue amounting to about \$35,000 or more is correct.

Any one wishing to hand in an article for or against the proposed light and power plant are welcome to do so. Please have your copy in early. All letters must be signed but your name will not appear if you request it.

**C. of C. Complimenting
"Birdie" Tebbetts**

A testimonial banquet has been announced by the Grayling Chamber of Commerce to compliment George "Birdie" Tebbetts, catcher of the Detroit Tigers Baseball Club. Through the efforts of George McNamee, "Birdie" has spent the winter in the community and participated in numerous civic activities and outside interests which has provided Grayling with good publicity. Besides his work with the local Boy Scouts, he has aided the winter sports program and refereed high school and independent basketball games throughout northern Michigan.

The banquet will be held at the Shoppenagons Inn on Thursday, February 16th and limited to the capacity of the hotel to 50 couples. Few reservations remain, and the affair is restricted to Chamber of Commerce members and friends of "Birdie." A good program is assured to attract unusual interest and following the banquet dancing will be the order for the rest of the evening. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the Three Deuces.

Through the courtesy of the Rialto Theatre a special showing of the popular four-reel baseball film "First Century of Baseball" will be presented at the Rialto Theatre prior to the banquet on February 16th, at 5:00 p.m. The film was secured by special arrangement with the American League of Professional Baseball Clubs, and the Chamber of Commerce feels fortunate in securing this picture because of the big demands by the many city organizations for the film. This is the first time any such baseball film of the American League has been shown in northern Michigan.

Admittance is open to all Chamber of Commerce members holding banquet tickets, and any baseball minded citizen of Grayling who desires to see the film. High school students wishing to see the show should contact Coach Willard Cornell for admission.

Written and supervised by Lew Fonseca, director of promotion for the American League, "First Century of Baseball", the fifth of a series produced and distributed in as many years, is an entirely new production. To obtain the highest professional standards in the matter of photography, make-up and costuming, the historical portions were filmed in Hollywood. Narration, save where the voices of characters appearing on the screen have been recorded, is by Ted Morton.

NEWS BRIEFS

Women's Arties as low as 80¢ at Olson's Shoe Sale

Mr. Howard Smith submitted to an appendectomy at Mercy Hospital Wednesday morning. Rosecrans Ramblers carried off the trophy in the Houghton Lake tournament last week by a win over the Grayling All Stars. In turn the Stars had defeated the Grayling Bears. The Ramblers' tournament is now in full swing.

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The rates, tariffs and charges which the said purchaser or its successors or assigns shall be permitted to charge for electrical current with the City of Grayling shall be such rates, tariffs and charges as may be agreed upon by and between the purchaser and the said City of Grayling and in case such rates, tariffs and charges cannot be agreed upon by said purchaser and said City of Grayling, then the rates and charges may be fixed by the Michigan Public Utilities Commission, or its successors, from time to time, upon the application of either party and due hearing thereon.

ARTICLE 5.

In consideration of the foregoing permission the purchaser (if there ever should be such) and its successors or assigns, agree that he or it will furnish all necessary required electrical current at the rates above specified.

ARTICLE 6.

It is agreed between the parties hereto that all questions of service shall be referred to the Michigan Public Utilities Commission or its successors and its decision shall be binding upon the parties.

ARTICLE 7.

The privilege and authority granted hereby to the purchaser of said property (if ever there should be such) carry with them the condition that said purchaser agrees that at all times during the life of this agreement and for the purpose solely of the City he or it will furnish to the City or its duly authorized agents, such information regarding the income, expense, physical value and other items as the City may desire as recorded on the books of such person or company or its assigns.

ARTICLE 8.

The grantee in the construction, maintenance, extension and repair of said public utility shall not unnecessarily interrupt or obstruct the use of any street, lane, alley or other public thoroughfare and in crossing the same with wires shall erect such wires at such reasonable altitude as the Council may prescribe and when it shall in any way open any of the thoroughfares for the construction or maintenance of any underground construction it shall replace such thoroughfare in as good condition as before said opening and said grantee shall hold the City harmless from any liability, costs, damages or expense which shall arise or be caused by the occupancy or the use of the streets, lanes, alleys, avenues or other public thoroughfares by said grantee.

ARTICLE 9.

If said grantee shall for any reason whatsoever refuse, neglect and fail to furnish to the City or its inhabitants the product or service designed to be furnished by said plant, or fail or refuse to comply with any of the terms of this franchise, unavoidable accidents, strikes and the acts of God excepted, for a period of Thirty (30) days unless the Council of the City of Grayling shall extend said period of time, then said grantee shall forfeit all right to operate said plant in and under this franchise and this franchise shall immediately terminate and become void.

ARTICLE 10.

This agreement (in case the same becomes operative by a sale as above set forth) and the privilege granted herein shall extend for a period of Twenty (20) years from date of the taking effect of the deed issued on the sale of the premises and property above set forth.

ARTICLE 11.

This agreement shall accompany the mortgage to be given upon the utility and shall become effective only in case the City of Grayling shall default in the payment of said mortgage, and there should be a foreclosure of said mortgage and the title to the property mortgaged, in said mortgage, should pass absolutely by reason of such foreclosure, but then and in that case this franchise shall be the franchise under which the purchaser of said utility shall operate and shall before being put into effect be accepted by the purchaser and the owner of such works to supply the City of Grayling and its inhabitants with electric light and power.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals this day of A. D. 1939.

By Mayor

By Clerk

For the purchasers under said Mortgage.

Yes

No

Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

Thursday, February 10, 1916

Leonard Burnitt of Cadillac, were her guests.

Ray Amidon, during his vacation here is assisting in the Hathaway jewelry store, during the absence of Carlton Meistrup, who is confined to his home with an injury of the foot.

Miss Gertrude Foley of Lutz, has entered the eighth grade and is making her home with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. O. Palmer.

Misses Doris and Carrie LaGow and Nellie Charlefour were hostesses to the Queen's Social club last evening at the Tetu home. The evening was spent in music and a unique guessing contest, with Miss Marie Foreman and Miss Agnes Mayo being the best guessers.

Thursday evening Miss Anna Fischer and Irving Hodge of Atlanta, two of Grayling's most popular young people, stole a march on their friends and went to the M. E. parsonage, where they were united in marriage by the Rev. Aaron Mitchell.

Guy Peterson has resigned his position at the Sorenson Barber Shop and is now working on the F. H. Mills delivery wagon.

Clarence Johnson returned to his duties at the Dafford Company in Bay City after spending several days visiting at his home here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson of Johannesburg, a fine son, on January 31.

Miss Medea Sorenson left Saturday for Detroit, after a week's visit with friends here.

A fine daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McPeak Thursday, February 3.

Miss Neilia Loss, assistant principal of the High school, was called to her home in Vassar Monday, and Mrs. T. P. Peterson is taking her place during her absence.

Carl Sorenson has sold his barber shop in the Burton Hotel building to Sam Kastenholz, and the latter will take possession Monday. At one time these gentlemen were associated in business in this shop, Mr. Kastenholz selling out to the former nearly a year ago. Mr. Sorenson will move to Detroit soon.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bates entertained a number of guests Thursday and Friday who were in attendance at the K. P. ball.

Miss Lillian Bates was home from Vanderbilt; Miss Naomi Chapman, of Saginaw, Miss Lois Simms of Bay City and Mr. C. W. Keuhl of Saginaw, and Mr. Nash and son-in-law of Flint spent Saturday and Sunday at the Keuhl cabin. Mr. Nash is preparing to build a fine cottage in the early spring.

School Notes
(23 Years Ago)

Little Marian Reynolds sang at the opening exercises Monday morning.

Arthur Callahan has been elected basketball manager of the second team.

Lovells
(23 Years Ago)

Miss Virgil Caid returned to Lansing to her work after spending a week visiting with her people.

Mrs. Billie left for Saginaw Saturday, where she will visit with friends until Tuesday, then will leave for Detroit to remain the remainder of the winter.

Friday evening a house owned by T. E. Douglas and occupied by A. Gutedak was completely destroyed by fire and also all the contents.

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City Council Proceedings

RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Special meeting held on the tenth day of January A. D. 1939. Grayling, Mich.

Meeting called to order by Mayor George Burke.

Councilmen present: Burke, Milnes, Roberts, Sales, Jenson. Absent: None.

The meeting was called to consider the adoption of an emergency health ordinance.

Dr. Clippert, Dr. Stealy, School Nurse Gorman and Health Officer Bissonette were present.

Moved by Burke, supported by Milnes that Ordinance No. 8 entitled "An Ordinance to Provide for Isolation and Quarantine of Infectious and Contagious Diseases Within the City of Grayling" be accepted, approved and adopted.

The City of Grayling Ordains:

That whereas there now exists within the City of Grayling a dangerous epidemic of scarlet fever, measles and septic sore throat, and

Whereas it is the opinion of the Common Council of said City, sitting as the Board of Health thereof that a state of emergency exists and that drastic steps are necessary to stop the spread of said diseases for the protection of the health of the inhabitants of said City,

Now Therefore it is Ordained as follows:

1. That from and after the effective date hereof the health officer of said City shall isolate all cases and suspected cases of hemolytic streptococcus sore-throat and shall place a placard on the premises in which any such case or suspected case may be. That all such cases and suspected cases occurring within said City shall be reported to the health officer thereof, who shall cause to be taken throat cultures from all such cases and suspected cases and have the same submitted to the laboratory of the Michigan Department of Health and if such cultures are found to be positive for hemolytic streptococcus sore throat, then every such case shall remain isolated until throat cultures taken therefrom and submitted as aforesaid shall become negative or until such time that a duly qualified physician shall determine such case to be no longer infectious.

2. That any person within said City who shall refuse to remain isolated after the placing of a placard by said health officer on the premises in which such person may be, or who shall leave such premises before such placard is removed, and any person entering such placarded premises except those legally entitled to do so, and any parent or other person having the custody of any child or children who shall fail to report any case or suspected case of scarlet fever, measles or hemolytic streptococcus sore throat, and any other person violating the terms of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished as hereinafter set forth.

3. This ordinance shall remain and be effective for a period of sixty days from the effective date hereof or until such time as the Common Council of said City shall determine said emergency to have passed and shall again become effective when so ordered by said Common Council; provided in case said Council should again order said ordinance to become effective, public notice thereof shall be given by publication at least once in the Crawford Avalanche and by posting a copy of the same in at least three public places within said City.

4. Any person violating the provisions hereof shall be punished by fine not to exceed one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the Crawford County Jail for not to exceed ninety days or by both such fine and imprisonment within the discretion of the Court.

5. This ordinance is ordered to take immediate effect.

Yea: Milnes, Roberts, Sales, Jenson, Burke. Nays: None.

Moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

DEPT. OF STATE STATE NEWS BULLETIN

Kelly Warns March First Auto Tag Deadline

With the deadline approaching when the 1938 license plates will no longer be legal, Harry F. Kelly, Secretary of State, points out that over 5,000 automobile titles, lost by their owners in the past, are being held by the Department until their owners realize their loss and inquire for them.

If the correct addresses were known, these titles would of course be sent to their owners, but the file of "lost titles" contains only those which postal authorities have returned after not being able to deliver because of faulty addresses given by applicants for titles.

Kelly points out that annually thousands of people are frustrated for a time at least by a frantic search for their car titles which they must present when they apply for plates.

With well over 1,200,000 motor vehicles still without their 1939 license plates and the deadline set by law at midnight, February 28, Kelly points to an inevitable jam at every Department of State Branch Office in the State at the end of this month. He stresses the fact that the 1937 legislature designated the last day of February as the final date for plate or permit purchase each year and neither the Secretary of State or any other official of the State or municipal officer has any discretionary power to extend the date permitting the use of 1938 plates. He suggests that those deferring their purchase of plates through necessity make certain at this time that they have their titles available.

Motorists are urged to purchase their plates as early as possible to avoid the discomforts of standing in line. Half-year plates are now on sale at all Branch Offices of the Department of State.

Safetygrams

BY FRED W. BRAUN, THE CARLTON

Because automobile drivers in the country have been aroused to the need of safe driving, America reduced its automobile fatalities in 1938 by at least 7,500. Accurate figures are not yet available but the first 11 months of '38 showed that reduction.

All you readers have helped to establish this fine record. The saving of 7,500 lives proves that by concentrated effort a further reduction is possible in 1939.

That is your job. Safety is an individual problem. States, counties and cities can inaugurate safety programs but actual application of safe driving is the responsibility of the man behind the wheel.

Safety is 99% commonsense... accidents are 99% thoughtless hurry.

It's smart to drive carefully.

Jail for not to exceed ninety days or by both such fine and imprisonment within the discretion of the Court.

5. This ordinance is ordered to take immediate effect.

Yea: Milnes, Roberts, Sales, Jenson, Burke. Nays: None.

Moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

George A. Granger,
City Clerk.

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Registration Notice

To the Qualified Electors of the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford:

Notice is hereby given that a registration will be held in the Grayling Township Hall in the City of Grayling in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on

Tuesday, February 14, 1939, from 8:00 o'clock a. m. to 6:00 p. m. Eastern Standard Time, for reviewing registrations and registering for the Primary Election to be held on Monday, April 3, 1939.

Dated February 4, 1939.
By order of
Dan C. Babbitt,
Township Clerk

Peoples Caucus

People's Caucus for the Township of Grayling will be held at the

Court House, Grayling, Mich.

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1939

at 8:00 P. M. (Sharp) Eastern Standard Time, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following township offices, to wit:

Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Highway Commissioner, 1 Justice of Peace for Full Term (4 yrs.) Member of Board of Review, and 4 Constables, and to transact such other business as may legally come before the meeting.

These nominations to be made for election to be held Monday, April 3rd, 1939.

Dated February 4th, 1939.
By order of
Dan C. Babbitt,
Township Clerk

MOPS SIMPLIFY CARE OF FLOORS

Wood floors with fine finishes, such as shellac, varnish or floor seal, combined with wax, should never be scrubbed with water. Sweeping or dry mopping should be all that is necessary, it appears from information gathered by the agricultural extension service of Michigan State College.

To make a good dry floor mop, the forest products laboratory of the U. S. Department of Agriculture recommends barely dampening a soft cotton mop with a mixture consisting of three parts of kerosene and one part of paraffin oil. When the mop becomes dirty, it should be washed in hot soap and water, dried, and again dampened with the mixture of kerosene and paraffin oil.

Exceptional patches of dirt that cannot be removed in this way may be taken off by rubbing the area lightly with fine steel wool moistened with turpentine. Where the finish is one of the new floor seals, badly soiled spots, such as gray spots where water has stood on the floor for a time, can be sanded by hand, patched with seal, and buffed with a pad of steel wool. Then if the rest of the floor is waxed, the spotted areas should be waxed.

Varnish finish, if kept in good condition, offers protection against water scars; but if it does become stained it is not so easily repaired.

The wood experts of the forest products laboratory recommend renewing a wax finish every 4 to 6 months, depending on the amount of wear on the floor.

GENERAL BESSERLEY BACK ON THE SCENE

Once again, the unpredictable General Besserley meets a lady and a thrilling spy adventure in the first of a new and dramatic series of stories by that master of intriguing mysteries, E. Phillips Oppenheim.

Be sure to read "The Elusive Princess". It appears complete in this week's popular color-gravure magazine with next Sunday's Detroit News.

Health & Hygiene

REPEATED COLDS

Mrs. J. D. M. writes that her 7-year-old girl was ill last winter with pneumonia and this spring had the whooping cough. An X-ray shows enlarged lymph nodes of the chest. This summer she is improving, but has a fresh cold every few weeks, with cough and fever.

Mrs. M. wishes to know what can be done to build up the child's resistance. Would an immune serum or vaccine be of value? She wishes to establish some immunity so that the child will not become seriously ill during the coming winter.

In this climate there are large numbers of these small children whose resistance to upper respiratory infection is so greatly diminished that every mild cold becomes a major illness. A child of this type should play quietly in the sunshine two to four hours daily, resting both in the morning and afternoon, as well as sleeping 10 to 12 hours at night. In some instances, the child is kept in bed throughout the day and night until the weight has increased and fever and cough have disappeared.

The removal of areas of local infection, such as diseased tonsils and adenoids, which carry infection from one cold to the next will diminish the susceptibility to colds. It is assumed that the urine examination is negative and that the teeth are not diseased. Should there be a susceptibility to asthma or hayfever in the family, this should be taken into consideration when the child is examined by the physician.

Another point is food. The child should have an abundance of calcium, iodine and iron. This can be obtained from menus containing milk, eggs, vegetables, fruits, calves livers two or three times weekly or the iron and iodine may be given by the family pediatrician as medication.

An alternative in managing these children is to remove them to a southern climate for one or two winters. There are no serums or vaccines which can implant rest, good food and the elimination of local infections in the throat. The child should not be permitted to play until she is physically exhausted. The radical measure of putting the child to bed, while a severe form of treatment, gives excellent results in the shortest possible time and does not preclude fresh air and sunshine.

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Boy Scout Week Offers Tribute To Daniel Beard

At a session of said court, held

at the Probate Office in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 6th day of February, A. D. 1939.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore

Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of

Ira Leonard, deceased.

Len Isenhauer having filed in

said court his final administration

account and his petition praying

for the allowance thereof and

for the assignment and distribution

of the residue of said estate.

It is Ordered, That the 6th day

of March A. D. 1939, at ten o'clock

in the forenoon, at said probate

office, be and is hereby appointed

for examining and allowing said

account and hearing said

petition.

It is Further Ordered, That

public notice thereof be given by

publication of a copy of this

order, for three successive weeks

previous to said day of hearing,

in the Crawford Avalanche, a

newspaper printed and circulated

in said county.

Charles E. Moore,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.

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Judge of Probate.

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Judge of Probate.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the

County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held

at the Probate Office in the City

of Grayling, in said County,

on the 24th day of January, A. D.

1939.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore

Judge of Probate.

A true copy.

Charles E. Moore,
Judge

Rialto Theatre

THURSDAY, FEB. 16 5:00 P. M.

The American League of Professional Baseball Clubs Presents

"FIRST CENTURY OF BASEBALL"

1839-1939

The Official American League Motion Picture Written and Directed by Lew Fonseca



A four reel sound-on-film movie in both 16 mm. and 35 mm. size, safety film, running time approximately forty-five minutes. Shows the birth of baseball from 1839 to 1939.

The following cast appears in this Baseball movie:

Connie Mack	Babe Ruth	Pete Fox
Clark Griffith	Charles Gehringer	Umpire Steve Basil
Joe McCarthy	Robert Feller	Ted Lyons
Del Baker	Cecil Travis	Emil Leonard
Bucky Harris	Joe Gordon	Hank Greenberg
Oscar Vitt	Johnny Allen	Jimmy Foxx
Joe Cronin	Spurgeon Chandler	Kenneth Keltner
Joe DiMaggio	George McQuinn	Monte Pearson
Lou Gehrig	George Caster	Buck Newsom
Charles Ruffing	Luke Sewell	Tommy Bridges
Vernon Gomez	Mal Harder	Marvin Owen
Bill Werber	Joe Vosnik	John Heath
Monty Stratton	George Case	Jo Jo White
James Bagby, Jr.	Mike Kreevich	Lefty Grove
Bing Miller	Herb Pennock	Cy Young
Tris Speaker	Ed. Walsh	Larry Rosenthal

The American League will have ready for distribution beginning January 1, 1939, this new sound-on-film baseball movie giving the history of the game, fundamentals of play and highlights of the past season.

Slow motion shots on pitching, fielding, base-running, batting by the Stars of Baseball.

Johnny Allen, Monty Pearson and Spurgeon Chandler explain pitching fundamentals. Kenneth Keltner, infield play. George McQuinn, first base play.

Here, Fans, is a special sequence on problem plays and decisions for you to decide. Don't miss this treat, both interesting and exciting. Important shots of the Old-Timers' Game played at Cleveland, July 6, 1938.

The purpose of the picture is to teach the youngster baseball, and by showing the American League Stars in their various positions, on the screen in sound, the ambitious youngster will learn much and help to develop future big leaguers.

Also, to give the fans a better knowledge of the many inside plays of the game to help them enjoy and understand their baseball.

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LOCALS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1939

Mrs. Jack Clark is taking a vacation from her duties at the Kraus' Dry Goods Store.

Two days left to buy Rubbers and Artics at 20% off regular price, at Olson's Shoe Sale.

Home Extension Group Four will meet at the home of Mrs. Gerald Poor Tuesday afternoon, February 14.

Rev. and Mrs. C. Stockholm entertained the members of the Reading Club which has been reorganized, Thursday afternoon at their home.

Roger Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown, was dismissed from Mercy Hospital Monday after being a patient there since the first of January.

Miss Mildred Hanson resumed her duties Tuesday at the Kerry & Hanson Flooring Co. offices after a few days' illness.

Mrs. Don Reynolds entertained the members of the Just Us Club at her home Wednesday evening.

Various games were enjoyed by the group until the hostess served a delicious lunch.

The social meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held at the Legion hall Tuesday evening, Feb. 14. Each member may invite a guest. The meeting called for the Feb. 7th date was an error.

Miss Hazel Wilkin, who is on the Winter Sports Queen's court, underwent an appendectomy at Mercy Hospital Saturday. This is very unfortunate for Miss Wilkin as well as for the court. It is hoped she may have a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Case are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Terry Norton, born to them at their home Saturday.

Frank Case, who has been employed as cook at the Plaza Grill for some time, has accepted employment as cook at the Top-O-Michigan restaurant in Gaylord. He started his duties there Monday and Mrs. Case and son will move there soon.

In the window of the Kraus' 5c to \$1 Store is a fine display of art by students of the Recreation Art Program, with Benny Jorgenson as instructor. These are pictures done by the High School student class, and show that there is a lot of talent among the members. These lessons in art taught by Mr. Jorgenson are free and many of the pupils are taking advantage of the opportunity to join them.

Mrs. Ronnow Hanson was hostess at a lovely shower at her home Thursday evening, in honor of Mrs. Robert LaMotte. Three tables of pinocle and one of Chinese Checkers were in play during the evening, with Mrs. Frank Sales and Miss Gail Welsh receiving high scores and Miss Elma Mae Sorenson, low score. Later in the evening delicious lunch was served. Mrs. LaMotte received many pretty gifts.

Liland Smock returned home Sunday from Ann Arbor where he had been a patient since the second of October. He had been ill since July with abscesses of the lungs, and submitted to two operations while at University Hospital. He is feeling and looking very much improved and his many friends are glad to have him back home again. Mrs. Smock and son Don and Miss Bernita Chappel drove to Ann Arbor to accompany him home.

Only two more days to buy Florsheim Shoes at \$7.85, at Olson's Shoe Sale.

Mrs. Stanley Stealy was hostess to her Bridge Club Saturday at a very lovely luncheon. The blue cloth that covered the table accented the varicolored gourds and cactus plants of the Mexican motif that graced its center. The Mexican idea was carried out in every detail excepting the siesta. The guests were quite aware to the charm of the party. Mrs. Emil Giegling held the high score for contract. Mrs. Royal Wright and Mrs. Harold Cliff were guests.

Don't forget the Firemen's Annual Benefit Ball to be held at the High School gymnasium on Washington's Birthday, February 22. The Melody Makers, of Lake City, a new 8-piece orchestra will furnish the music. This orchestra has an amplifying system and promises to furnish the dancers with extra good dance music. Admission 75¢ a couple. Extra ladies 25¢. Come and bring your friends; fun for all.

Tuesday evening the Masons Legion pinocle tournament went into its fifth evening with the Legionaires finishing far in the lead. It looks now as tho the Legionaires would win the tournament. Tuesday Wilfred Laurant and Jack McMillan held high score for the Legionaires and Ronnow Hanson, and George Hilton for the Masons. Next Wednesday evening all members of the Legion and Masons are urged to come and spend an evening; you'll enjoy it very much. Refreshments, cigars, cigarettes and candy are served during the evening by George Burrows.

Only two days left to buy Red Cross Shoes at \$5.95, at Olson's Shoe Sale.

There will be a card party at St. Mary's parish hall Wednesday evening, Feb. 15, and the public is cordially invited. Bring your partners and play your favorite game.

The Lake Margrethe residents had their pot-luck dinner at the Wm. Hill home Saturday evening. After dinner the group played bridge, with Mrs. Thomas, and Stanley Flower holding high scores.

There will be a mass meeting at the South Side school at 8:00 o'clock tonight for the purpose of discussion of the provisions of the municipal electric plant for Grayling. Everyone urged to be present.

Eight little friends of Joan Thompson had a happy time at her birthday party Thursday afternoon, it being her eighth birthday. Indoor games were enjoyed and Joan's mother served a delicious lunch.

Anyone having a vacant room for use over the week end, please notify Shopnagons Inn.

Some people seem to be getting a lot of laughs over the pamphlet based on "ifs", that was in the mail Wednesday, sent out by the Michigan Public Service Co.

Men's Spats, \$1.25 values for 75¢ at Olson's Shoe Sale.

County Treasurer Wm. Ferguson attended a day's meeting of Michigan County Treasurers at Lansing, Friday. New tax legislation was discussed at this meeting. Sixty-one out of 83 counties were represented, which is even better than at their summer meetings.

Paul Frechette, and George Shillaire Jr., of Pontiac were arrested Sunday by Sheriff Jack Papendick. Frechette was arrested for driving while intoxicated and was fined \$50 and costs. Shillaire was arrested on a disorderly charge and was fined \$10 and costs.

John McCormick, age 55, a member of the Pigeon River CCC camp at Vanderbilt passed away early Monday morning at Mercy Hospital from injuries received when, it is reported, he was struck by a car on a street in Gaylord. The remains are at the Grayling Funeral Home awaiting the arrival of relatives.

Roger Kesseler, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Kesseler, was the victim of a peculiar accident Saturday. He was sitting on his mother's lap, and when she went to put him down a needle in her dress caught in the child's back and broke off. It was not until Tuesday that the needle point was located and removed at Mercy Hospital.

Friday evening the State Highway Maintenance crew surprised Floyd Goshorn at his home by dropping in to help him celebrate his birthday anniversary. Cards

were enjoyed during the evening until lunch was served. Mr. Goshorn was injured early last fall while working and has been laid up since.

Fritz Heath's side of the Legion Drum and Bugle corps gave a party at the hall last Wednesday night to raise money for their part of the fund they are supposed to raise by March 17. They had all kinds of snares to get one's money. There was lots of eats, but you had to pay for everything you ate and drank, and had to pay plenty. There was oyster stew, fried blue gills, and sandwiches of many kinds.

Only two days left to save 20 to 50% on all Footwear, at Olson's Shoe Sale.

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Mrs. Stanley Stealy was hostess to her Bridge Club Saturday at a very lovely luncheon. The blue cloth that covered the table accented the varicolored gourds and cactus plants of the Mexican motif that graced its center. The Mexican idea was carried out in every detail excepting the siesta. The guests were quite aware to the charm of the party. Mrs. Emil Giegling held the high score for contract. Mrs. Royal Wright and Mrs. Harold Cliff were guests.

Don't forget the Firemen's Annual Benefit Ball to be held at the High School gymnasium on Washington's Birthday, February 22. The Melody Makers, of Lake City, a new 8-piece orchestra will furnish the music. This orchestra has an amplifying system and promises to furnish the dancers with extra good dance music. Admission 75¢ a couple. Extra ladies 25¢. Come and bring your friends; fun for all.

Tuesday evening the Masons Legion pinocle tournament went into its fifth evening with the Legionaires finishing far in the lead. It looks now as tho the Legionaires would win the tournament. Tuesday Wilfred Laurant and Jack McMillan held high score for the Legionaires and Ronnow Hanson, and George Hilton for the Masons. Next Wednesday evening all members of the Legion and Masons are urged to come and spend an evening; you'll enjoy it very much. Refreshments, cigars, cigarettes and candy are served during the evening by George Burrows.

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LOCAL CITIZENS AT NATIONAL TRAILER SHOW

Smart in design and eye-satisfying to the most discriminating traveler is the sleek and streamlined land yacht and three-room apartment trailer of 1939, on exhibit at Bradenton, Florida, where the National Trailer Show is being held in connection with the A.T.A. Convention.

show were Mr. and Mrs. C. Hoesli and Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Shaw of Grayling who are winter guests, enjoying the sunshine activities at Florida West Coasts' "Friendly City."

Services held at Barnes home. You are welcome.

Among those taking in the

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Grayling Wins From Mancelona, 24 to 15

Grayling High gained a revenge victory over Mancelona and at the same time moved into a tie with Boyne City for the conference leadership as the Green and White took a 24 to 15 decision from the boys from Antrim last Friday night and Boyne with four wins and a defeat each, climbed atop the heap. Boyne's one loss was a two-time overtime defeat by Grayling, and Grayling lost to Mancelona before Christmas. The tie was at stake in the game played at Grayling Tuesday night of this week.

Coach Cornell's boys lost no time in piling up a lead on Mancelona's big rangy team. It was built at the quarter and 15-5 at the half. Both teams scored four points in the third period, and Mancelona started in the fourth to make a bid for victory. They pulled the score up to 13 to 19 at one time but weren't able to climb any more and dropped nine points behind as the game ended. Grayling was master of the situation clear through and deserved to win. Mancelona won the Reserve game in the second half. After a 6-6 count at the half they went on to a 20 to 8 victory.

Grayling—24

Player Pos.	FG	FT	TP
Deckrow, f	2	1	5
Smock, f	6	0	12
Tibbets, f	0	0	0
Moshier, c	1	3	0
Kraus, c	0	0	0
Lovely, g	0	0	0
Petersen, g	4	0	2
McClain, g	1	0	2
Total	11	2	24

Mancelona—15

Player Pos.	FG	FT	TP
Thomas, f	3	0	6
Summer, f	0	0	0
Turnipseed, f	4	1	9
Handy, c	0	0	0
Smith, c	0	0	0
Dickenson, g	0	0	0
Adrian, g	0	0	0
Moote, g	0	0	0
Heems, g	0	0	0
Total	7	1	15

VISIT COLLEGE TOWN

Snow Queen Frances Entsminger and the members of her court, Pauline Merrill, Norberta Weiss, Roberta Austin, Gloria LaMotte and Hazel Wilkins spent last Thursday afternoon and evening in Mt. Pleasant. The girls were guests of Queen Frances' sister Pauline, who is a student at Central State Teachers College. The girls dressed in their snow togs with banners proclaiming who they were, were given a royal welcome in the college town. They were entertained and feasted and Queen Frances says "She doesn't think they will ever get over talking about the nice time they had". The young ladies in turn spread a lot of propaganda about Grayling's Winter Sports Park and the approaching carnival.

The young ladies were taken on the trip through the courtesy of Amos Hunter, proprietor of Grayling Dairy.

Hi Ho on "History"

"History," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "is often generous toward those who make mistakes, provided the mistakes are sufficiently large and magnificent."

FACTS about the Municipal Plant Question

TO THE CITIZENS OF GRAYLING . . .

In the Grayling paper of Thursday, February 2nd, 1939, there appeared on the front page (and also in folder form distributed about town) under the heading "PUBLIC NOTICE" an article purporting to give you "straight facts and figures about the proposed municipal owned electric light and power plant", as found by the engineers employed by the city councilmen.

We wish to advise you that some of the figures and conclusions given therein are grossly inaccurate and untrue—possibly misstated in an effort to make it appear that the proposed plant would "clear an \$8,000.00 profit per year". We know the figures to be untrue because they are figures about our business which are a matter of public record.

Several of the paragraphs following item No. 14, of the newspaper and folder article, are the ones which should be studied most carefully and really dug into. Please note particularly the following paragraphs appearing in the article referred to, which are reprinted below and marked (a), (b), (c), for convenient reference.

This is What They Claim

(a) "The revenue of the present system as shown by the Michigan Public Utilities Commission's report is approximately \$38,000.00 per year. Assuming that the City would have only 80 percent of the customers and using the present rates structure the revenue to the city would be \$35,000.00 per year."

(b) "To operate, maintain and pay off the plant and interest as it falls due on the plant will require the sum of \$27,000.00 per year. In other words, the City would clear an \$8,000.00 profit per year on the plant if the present rates were used."

(c) "The engineers on this project recommend a reduction in rates thereby doing away with a part of the \$38,000.00, but passing on to the people of Grayling an immediate benefit and still allowing the city to make a profit."

The first sentence of the above paragraph (a) states that "The revenue of the present system as shown by the Michigan Public Utilities Commission's report is approximately \$38,000.00 per year". That is not true, and the correct figures should have been known to whoever prepared the article because the engineers' report, from which the figure is claimed to have been taken, shows on Plate No. 1 the correct total revenue figures of our company in Grayling for each of the years 1930-1937 inclusive, as they were reported to the State Commission. These total revenue figures for the 8 years shown in the engineers' report are given below for your information and reference:

Year	Total Revenue
1930	\$30,578.07
1931	\$31,719.79
1932	\$29,979.88
1933	\$27,769.41
1934	\$29,399.22
1935	\$31,671.15
1936	\$31,920.00
1937	\$34,550.00

Please note that the revenue for 1937 was the largest of the 8 years shown and was only \$34,550—not "approximately \$38,000.00", as claimed in the article. That is a discrepancy of only a few thousands to be sure, but a few thousand dollars one way or the other can make a tremendous difference, as will be pointed out.

Please note also that during the 8 years for which total revenue figures are shown above, there were years when the total revenue was very substantially less than in 1937. It will always be true that when general business conditions are poor, electric revenues will suffer the same as other kinds of business, and if those who want a municipal light plant in Grayling are figuring that their revenue will always continue to increase, and never go down, they are making a very bad mistake.

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NEW TELEPHONE LINE WILL CONNECT FIRE TOWERS

Improving the forest fire detection system in the AuSable State Forest area, CCC enrollees of Camp Kalkaska are building a

twelve mile phone line to connect directly the Deward and Pickrel Lake Fire towers.

In spite of heavy snow, which has hampered setting of the poles, the crew of twelve enrollees under direction of Devine Ander-

son, Jr., foreman, has the job completed. It is expected that the phone line will be finished and serve the towermen during the 1939 fire season. The new line, sponsored by Field Administration Division of the De-

partment of Conservation, will enable the two towers to check "cross shots" on fires more quickly.

That is incorrect because—

In the first place — 80% of \$38,000 is not \$35,000, it is only \$30,400. That is another small discrepancy of a few thousand dollars.

In the second place — as already pointed out, there isn't any \$38,000 of total yearly revenue to start with. There was only \$34,550 for 1937, and 80% of that is only \$27,640 instead of the \$35,000 yearly revenue the city is counting on. So even IF they got 80% of the revenue they would not have the \$8,000 profit they claim, but after taking out the yearly operating and bond charges, which they admit will be \$27,000 (read (b) paragraph) there would remain only \$640—and they would have that much only IF they should get 80% of the business—and IF every other estimate of the engineers is exactly right—and IF they should have no unlock for breakdowns or accidents or bad luck—and a good many other IFs. But that is not all by any means because—

In the third place—they have no assurance whatever that a city plant would get 80% of the revenue or anything like it. As a matter of fact, they would be fortunate if they got as much as 50% of the business, which is about the average when municipal plants go into competition with existing utilities.

In the fourth place — Please figure out with us what would happen should Grayling build the proposed plant and get only 50% of the business. Also, please bear in mind that they might easily get still less than 50%. The Company's total 1937 revenue was \$34,550. Our 1938 revenue was not reported to the State Commission when the city's engineers got the figures for the other years, but we will tell you that it was \$35,197, and since that is slightly more favorable to the municipal side of the question, let us use that and call it \$35,200. Then the city would get half of that, or \$17,600 as annual revenue, which would be \$9,400 short of the \$27,000 the city has to have every year to meet operating expenses and bond charges. In other words, there would be a yearly loss of \$9,400 instead of the \$8,000 profit claimed in the city article.

The difference between \$8,000 profit and \$9,400 loss is \$17,400 per year, and it shows that in considering a matter of this kind, or any business problem involving the question of whether there will be a profit or a loss, it is highly important to avoid the careless and erroneous handling and use of figures, whether intentional or unintentional, and to really dig into the conclusions reached to see if they are correct.

Paragraph (c) says that the city's engineers "recommend a reduction of rates, thereby doing away with a part" of the profit they are counting on. In the foregoing it has been clearly shown that instead of any profit whatever there is much more likely to be a yearly loss of \$9,400, or even more, so it appears there need be no concern about keeping profits down, but it is very plain that if the city uses lower rates they will have less annual revenue to count on, and losses will be still more.

Therefore, if those who are urging you to vote for a city plant should suggest or promise lower rates to catch votes, you may be very sure it will make failure that much more certain.

If you have not checked with your pencil the figures we have given you herein, please do so, in order that you may be as sure as we are that the proposed municipal light plant would be doomed to miserable financial failure, leaving the citizens and the city of Grayling (but not the machinery people, nor the engineers) holding the empty sack—and with a big debt still to pay off through taxes.

First Children's Court
The first separate children's court was established in Chicago in 1890.